

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY FOR SAMPLING AND MONITORING

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Attention: Tia Cauley

**Executive Director** 

Property Name: West Calumet Housing Development

Address of Property: 4920 Larkspur Street, East Chicago, Indiana

Due to the known environmental conditions existing onsite, the East Chicago Housing Authority has determined that the demolition of the West Calumet Housing Development (the Property) located at 4920 Larkspur Street, East Chicago, Indiana, is warranted to protect human health.

The West Calumet Housing Development consists of all residential structures, an administration building, a community center, maintenance facility, guardhouse, and 2 storage sheds. The demolition will include the removal of all improvements onsite, including the removal of hazardous building materials, razing the structures, removal of the foundation and backfill. The maintenance facility will not be demolished. In addition to the structure removal, all improvements from the property will be removed, including, but not limited to roadway pavement, parking pavement, concrete and asphalt walkways, lighting, etc. Vegetation disturbance will be limited to that required to demolish and remove the improvements. Clean backfill will be brought on site and properly graded to meet storm water pollution prevention requirements. It is anticipated that Aster Avenue, Larkspur Avenue, Jonquil Lane, 150th Place, 151st Place will be removed. Gladiola Avenue and Magnolia Drive will be removed, but it is yet to be determined if they will be removed in their entirety. There is no known proposed future use of the site following demolition.

Mitigation measures have been adopted by East Chicago Housing Authority to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with Federal, State and local laws during the demolition of the West Calumet Housing Development.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Demolition and Site Restoration of the West Calumet Housing Development dated September 22, 2017. Further, in order to allow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to verify that the demolition of the West Calumet Housing Development does not result in the migration of contaminants beyond the Property's boundaries, the East Chicago Housing Authority consents to officers, employees, contractors and authorized representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency entering and having continued access to the Property, to perform the following actions: (1) review any bid specifications generated in connection with the demolition activities at the property, (2) conduct sampling as deemed necessary by EPA; (3) monitor and

evaluate waste handling practices; and (4) review all sampling data (including air monitoring data) generated by the East Chicago Housing Authority or its contractors during demolition activities at the Property.

The East Chicago Housing Authority understands that these actions taken by EPA are undertaken pursuant to EPA's response and enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq.

After reviewing sampling data, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will provide the ECHA and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in writing its findings and conclusions

Written permission is voluntarily granted on behalf of the East Chicago Housing Authority, with knowledge of its right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

East Chicago Housing Authority	
Tia Cauley	 Date
Executive Director	